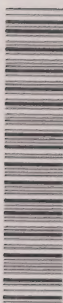


# Painter and Decorator

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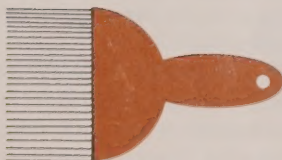
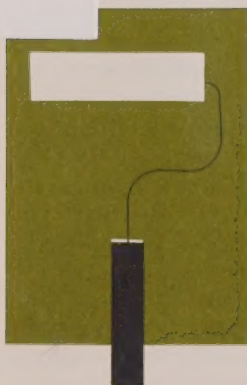


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Ontario's growing construction industry has created a vigorous demand for craftsmen in numerous building trades and occupations.

Job opportunities for painters and decorators are plentiful and calls for the services of skilled and experienced tradesmen in this field will undoubtedly increase.

For people with aptitudes and an interest in the painting and decorating industry, the Industrial Training Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities has developed an up-to-date apprenticeship course as part of its industrial training program.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants for apprenticeship must be 16 years of age or over and hold educational qualifications of Grade 10 (Ontario) or an equivalent level.

Good judgement, appreciation of colour combinations, and manual dexterity are definite attributes for prospective apprentices in this interesting trade. The work is not heavy, but in some instances it demands considerable strength to move ladders, carry large paint containers, or set up cumbersome scaffolding.

### **Duties**

An experienced tradesman, as the name of the trade implies, performs a double function — painting and decorating or paper hanging — and must provide a broad range of services.

Applying paint, enamel, varnish and lacquer to both inside and outside walls and other surfaces adds colour and improves resistance to the effects of weather, dirt, and other influences. Painters use three major tools — brushes, spray guns, and rollers — and they must know which one is best for each job.

Painters act as consultants or advisers on colour schemes or types of paint. Because of the constantly changing building materials and wall surfaces, painters need a thorough knowledge of paint ingredients and properties. Decorating or paper hanging entails pasting wall coverings such as paper, fabric and plastics to the interior walls of buildings. Hanging modern wall paper and vinyl wall coating, including scenics, wood veneers, hand paints, grass cloth or silk (damasks), calls for basic knowledge and acquired skills.

## **Training**

The apprenticeship training program for painter and decorator tradesmen covers four periods of 1,800 hours each (equivalent to approximately 3½ years), consisting of practical on-the-job training under the supervision of an experienced journeyman and related instruction at a college of applied arts and technology.

The related courses of instruction are compulsory, and include an eight-week basic course, an intermediate course, and an advanced course near the end of the apprenticeship contract.

## **Training Allowances**

While the apprentice is taking in-school instruction, his tuition fees, living allowance and travel expenses are paid by the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities under a shared-cost agreement.

## **Earning While Learning**

While training on the job, apprentices earn while they learn. Their wages are based on a percentage of those paid a journeyman in the same trade in the same shop. An apprentice in this trade receives 40 percent of the prevailing rate for journeyman (in his area) during the first period of apprenticeship. The rate advances in each of the succeeding periods.

At the conclusion of each 1,800-hour period, apprentices must receive the recommendation of their employer before proceeding to the next period of the contract.

## **Certificate of Apprenticeship**

On completion of the four periods, apprentices must write a final examination. A passing mark of 60 percent will entitle them to a Certificate of Apprenticeship. The Certificate of Qualification is issued by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for this trade on the payment of a \$10 fee. This certificate need not be renewed.

## **Employment Prospects**

The rapidly increasing number of new homes, apartments, churches, schools, and commercial and industrial buildings requiring initial painting, decorating and subsequent refurnishing indicates the potential job opportunities in this expanding industry.

## **Enquiries**

All enquiries concerning apprenticeship should be addressed to the Director of Industrial Training or to the nearest district office listed on the back of this leaflet.

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